(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of trade related issues with China under consultation and the manner in which those issues are likely to be sorted out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (c) India and China have a number of mechanisms such as Joint Group on Economic Relations, Trade, Science and Technology (JEG) at Ministerial level and Joint Working Group at Joint Secretary level to discuss issues of mutual concern including Trade disputes, if any, in our Economic and Commercial relations. In October 2008, the Department of Commerce of Republic of India and Bureau of Fair trade of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China have set up a technical level Expert Group on trade remedies to promote mutual cooperation. The purpose of this mechanism is to have an exchange of views and to better understand several aspect of trade remedy measures such as legal framework, investigation procedure etc.

(d) Growing Trade deficit, market access of Indian Agricultural products, trade remedial action taken by India and Market Economy Status are the main issues with China. These issues are to be sorted out through mutual consultations.

Decrease in export of tea, coffee and spices

†1963. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been significant decrease in the export of tea, coffee and spices during 2007-08;

(b) the countries to which tea, coffee and spices are exported from India;

(c) whether Government has found out the reasons for this significant decrease in exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) While the export of tea and coffee has declined during the year 2007-08 as compared to the previous year, the export of spices has increased substantially.

(b) Following are the major countries to which these items are exported:

Item	Countries
Tea	Russian Federation, UAE, United Kingdom, Iran, Kazakhstan, USA, ARE
Coffee	Italy, Russian Federation, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Finland
Spices	USA, European Union, Malaysia, UAE, China, Sri Lanka, Singapore

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The export of coffee has declined on account of reduction in production and increase in domestic consumption. The export of tea has declined mainly due to decrease in exports to Iraq, a major export market, on account of payment problems and appreciation in Rupee. Besides, increase in production of tea in Kenya and competition from other low cost economies also contributed to decline in exports of Indian tea.

Relief package for plantation workers

1964.SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a Rs. 3500 crore support package for the plantation sector, independent of budgetary allocations;

(b) whether this package is supposed to bestow relief to 12 lakh plantation workers under crop insurance scheme;

(c) whether the package also aims at providing a massive debt relief support to coffee growers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Target set for exports during 2009-10

1965. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set target for export for financial year 2009-10;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of export made from Special Economic Zones and non- Special Economic Zones during last one year till date; and

(d) the difference between the actual amount of exports and targeted amount of exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) While announcing the Trade Facilitation Measures on 26.2.2009, the Government fixed an export target of US $ 200. billion for the year 2009-10.. On account of continuing global financial crises and economic slow down of developed economies, the target of US $ 200 billion is unlikely to be achieved.

As per provisional estimates available with the Government, the total exports of the country for the year 2008-09 were at Rs. 7,66,934 crores. The figures relating to breakup of the total exports between SEZs and non-SEZ have not yet been finally compiled.